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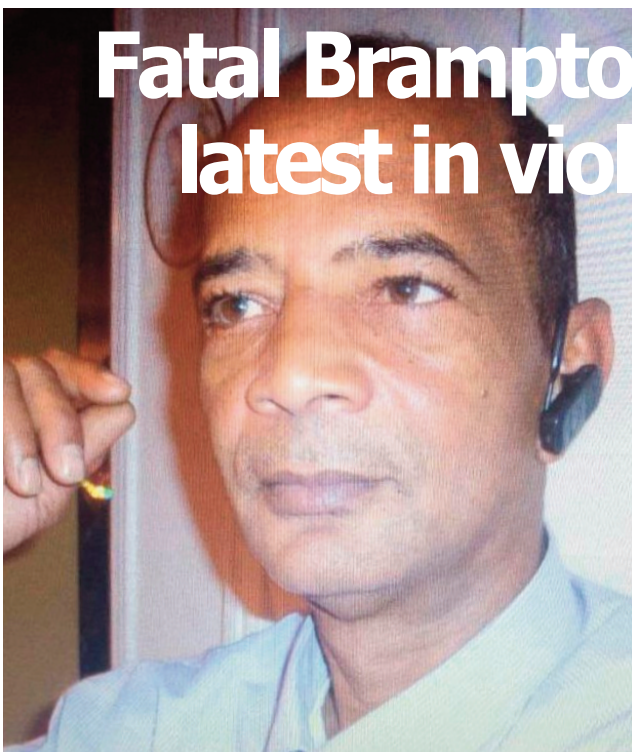


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Fatal Brampton stabbing the latest in violent summer



by Alex Gregory and Surjit Singh Flora

(Left) 63 year-old Glensbert Oliver, as seen in an undated photo. Oliver is Peel Region's eleventh homicide of the year. (Right) Police cruisers block off the scene of the crime, near the corner of Devondale Avenue and Lanebrook Drive, for several hours while authorities conducted an investigation. (Photos Courtesy of Peel Police)

If this past weekend was anything to go by, the Greater Toronto Area may be facing its own "wild west".

A series of violent incidents took place over the long weekend throughout the GTA, including the fatal stabbing of a Brampton man outside his own home last Friday evening.

63 year-old Glensbert Oliver was fatally wounded after an altercation occurred with five male suspects in the Devondale Avenue and Lanebrook Drive area around 2:21 a.m.

Officers responded to the scene, where Oliver was pronounced dead at

the scene. His son, who was also stabbed, was rushed to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The altercation started after an argument regarding theft from a nearby vehicle, said Peel Police Acting Superintendent Martin Ottaway, who spoke at the scene of the crime last week.

Describing the scene as "tragic", Ottaway explained that Oliver was "a person trying to stop a minor property offence that escalated to the point of becoming a homicide."

Ottaway told reporters that Peel Police have surveillance footage of the attack, and that it is only "a matter of time" before the perpetrators are caught.

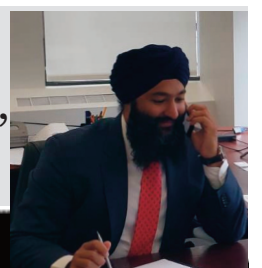
Friday's fatal stabbing is the latest in a series of violent incidents throughout the region, following the death of Jackline Gore to a stray bullet on July 8 outside a club in the Torbram and Drew Road area.

Oliver is the region's eleventh homicide of the year.

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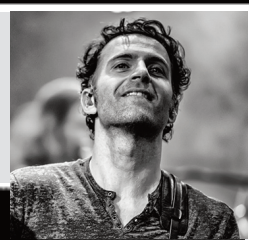
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CPC candidate asked to step down over social posts

A federal Conservative candidate is in hot water over a series of social media posts she allegedly made several years ago.

Mississauga-Streetsville candidate Ghada Melek, who previously sought the provincial nomination in the same riding, has been called upon by the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) to step aside in relation to the posts, which included a re-shared post that mentioned a connection between Detroit and Islamic extremism.

"While we have engaged Melek's office in conversation around her past reported Is-

lamophobic tweets, retweets, and statements, the most recent revelations have forced us to ask whether (she) is qualified to serve as a federal candidate," said NCCM's acting executive director, Nadia Hasan, in a statement made Saturday.

"Simply put, federal candidates have a responsibility to serve everyone, regardless of their faith or sexual orientation. Given her past statements, Ms. Melek should do the right thing and resign."

Media outlets revealed that an internal report, generated by the provincial PC party in 2016, cited a number of ho-

mophobic posts, including several that promoted Islamophobia.

Several days after the report was published, Melek withdrew from the race, citing personal reasons. Nina Tangri later sought and won the party nomination before winning the riding last fall.

In a statement to media outlets Friday, Melek said that she "will always stand with Muslim Canadians", before going on to say that "while these are almost entirely retweets from more than half a decade ago, I do understand how some of them may be offensive, and I do regret that as

well as retweeting them."

A news report published on Friday also cited a since-deleted post that appeared to endorse "a medical expert who has backed reparative therapy for gay people," as per the report.

In a further statement, Melek said that her statements were intended to critique the province's sex-education curriculum.

"I'm proud to be part of the Conservative Party of Canada, a party that supports the LGBTQ community," said Melek. "I absolutely oppose any so-called therapy or treatment that forces someone to

try and change their sexual orientation against their will. This election I'm focused on

issues that unite us as Canadians, not divide us."



Justice not just “more hurt feelings”, say injured workers

by Catherine Sople

The patients are waiting. But their patience is wearing thin.

On Aug. 1, workers felt insult was added to their injuries when a long hoped-for and repeatedly cancelled meeting with Brampton South MPP Prabmeet Sarkaria was cancelled via e-mail, just minutes ahead of a 5 p.m. start.

"This was not the first time. The MPP has never responded to our phone calls and emails for our meeting requests," said Navi Aujla, an organizer with Workers' Action Centre. "This really shows that the MPP doesn't care about the community."

Aujla believes the Aug. 1 meeting was only booked to placate a community delegation that accompanied one of their friends who showed up for an evening appointment on July 30.

Aujla's role in the scheduled meeting was to support the constituent's delivery of her message in her second-language English and guide her understanding of how the MPP's office could help her claim currently under review with the Workers Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

MPP offices routinely conduct WSIB casework for constituents.

The July 30 appointment, which had been booked in person by the constituent when she had shown up for a prior appointment with the MPP that was not honoured, was reluctantly admitted by

staff to be the second and sequel instance of an appointment made by the constituent not to appear in the MPP's working schedule.

As the community delegation, and the constituent who wanted to keep her appointment with the MPP, were held in abeyance in the hall, two approaching business men were greeted with familiarity by the MPP's staff and granted immediate access to the MPP's office.

They apparently joined a meeting that was already in progress.

Jiya, a middle-aged Brampton South constituent, spoke in South Asian dialect to the MPP's staff. He heatedly admonished them for treating the community delegation "like thieves". The staff called him Uncle.

It seemed expedient then to grant the constituent a replacement appointment for Aug. 9, for herself and by herself. The constituent provided her document to staff, to create a file in preparation for the meeting. The community delegation dispersed quietly and left the building.

In her letter, the constituent stated that, "the Canadian Bar Association concluded that for every dollar spent on legal aid, the government saves an average of \$6 elsewhere. Investing in legal aid reduces the cost of other government-funded services."

Like many workers injured on the job, Brampton South

constituents have become ensnared in the Workers Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) claims process.

"Loss of income and loss of health is a vicious downward cycle which can soon lead to loss of hope," said Sang-Hun Mun, a community organizer at Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario (IAVGO) Community Legal Clinic.

Mun notes the double jeopardy of increased expense for medicines and treatments and medically-necessary devices against a stripped down income and extended time delay to deliver.

"Workers should access more affordable healthcare closer to home, so that they can become healthier faster and get back on their job," says Mun.

Instead, the cases are exacerbated when WSIB doctors and lawyers overturn the recommended careplan of the treating doctor. Workers are forced back on the job before they are healed, risking further injury - or worse, are stranded from any health careplan, denied a wage or income support as health deteriorates further.

The most drawn out WSIB cases leave ill and injured people without resources. Such poverty can trigger eligibility for a legal aid certificate.

The question of accessing legal advice is a separate question, which is even more difficult to answer given the

22% funding cut to legal aid services for 2019. More cuts are slated in 2020.

The budget cuts to Community Legal Clinics come on the heels of fractious consultations in 2017 held by the Ontario government amongst system stakeholder, followed in 2018 with a rebudgeted restructured rollout.

Internal changes through the legal clinics system interfered with service delivery to clients and impeded the timelines of their case management.

With a 22 per cent loss of revenue, IAVGO is choosing amputation of staff, and triage for current casework. Potential new clients will not be seen, until and only maybe in September. An articling student position will not be replaced.

"Our senior lawyer is stepping aside," said Mun. It is in-

tended that budgeted salaries will be reallocated to equivalently serve up more hours at a lower junior lawyer rate.

Mun is familiar with the Brampton South constituents, their cases and their issues with their MPP. As a group they call themselves the Injured Workers Action for Justice (IWA4J) and meet monthly with other injured workers and advocates in Brampton.

Their ultimate goal to speed up health careplans and recovery, close the loop in WSIB case management, and restore adequate funding to legal aid and community legal clinics is to create legislation that parallels that in Quebec: Eliminate WSIB ability to override treating physicians careplans and use the recovered professional medical professional and legal fees to heal clients and fund legal aid.

"WSIB's own analysis shows that only 0.02 per cent of allegedly fraudulent claims result in a penalty," says Mun. "What kind of a cost savings is that?"

In 2019, a further defunding of the injured workers ecosystem systems for public health and legal aid was a \$1.5 billion reduction of WSIB premiums payable by employers. "We pay doctors and lawyers," said Mun. "But we don't pay the workers whose taxes pay for the doctors and lawyers."

As a result of the cancellation on short notice of the meeting for the community constituents, a "teach-in" is scheduled for August 15 at a major intersection near the office of MPP for Brampton South, across from the A. Grenville and William G. Davis Courthouse.



Brampton South MPP Prabmeet Sarkaria, as pictured in his constituency office. (File Photo)

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Series of violent incidents cause call for action

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The incident was the precursor to 17 different shooting incidents that took place throughout Toronto over the long weekend -- among them, a shooting at a busy North York nightclub early Monday morning.

Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders said that shell casings were found inside and

outside of the building.

"I find this one very bothersome," Saunders said at a press conference Monday morning. "I find it disturbing when you have more than 100 people and someone would be brazen enough to pull out a gun and start shooting."

Saunders stressed that the gun violence seen this weekend is "not normal" for

Toronto. "I did not anticipate in a three-day or two-day span that I'm going to be talking about (this). This is not Toronto... I will be providing the resources where they need to be to solve these cases."

"When I've got 15 people right now in the city that have been shot, that have a bullet in them, I've got concerns about that and I can tell you we will be putting additional resources in specific places that we think will help deter and reduce the gun violence that's occurring in the city right now."

The issue of banning guns reached a fever pitch over the weekend, following a publicized incident where a man armed with an assault rifle opened fire at a packed shopping area in El Paso, Texas, killing at least 20 people and wounding 26 others, according to officials.

In a statement issued prior to Saunders' news conference, Toronto Mayor John Tory said that he firmly

believes that a handgun ban will help address gun violence in the city.

Opponents of gun control have been jumping on the news of shootings and stabbings in the GTA to suggest banning firearms and knives doesn't stop violent crime.

When asked about a handgun ban in Toronto, Saunders responded by saying there is no silver bullet in reducing gun violence, but he would welcome anything that removes a handgun from the city.

"I'll let the politicians work on that one," he said. "I've got people that are shot. I've got people that are shooting people. I'm going to use my resources and all of my energy to solve these cases and bring them before the court systems."

"Anything that removes a handgun, it is a good day in the city."

In Ohio, government official Mike DeWine responded to a mass shooting in his state by calling Tuesday for a law that would take guns

out of the hands of people deemed at risk of hurting people.

Such measures, known as red flag laws, have been passed in more than a dozen states in recent years, often in the aftermath of a gun massacre and often with bipartisan support. But while researchers say the laws hold promise, particularly in preventing suicides, there isn't enough research being done to understand their effect on homicides -- let alone mass shootings.

"Every time there is a question about preventing mass shootings, the answer always boils down to how to separate a potentially dangerous person from a firearm," said Aaron Kivisto, a clinical psychologist at the University of Indianapolis who studies gun violence prevention.

"Red flag laws are one important tool, but I don't think you'll find a single researcher who will claim that they are the panacea of gun violence. They're not."



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Duraiappah picks up top spot as Peel's new police chief

Peel Regional Police have made history.

For the first time, a South Asian chief of police has been appointed by the force, it was announced last week.

Former Halton Regional Police Deputy Chief Nishan Duraiappah will be sworn as Peel's new chief on Oct. 1. Duraiappah also becomes the first-ever officer of Sri Lankan background to serve in the top cop role in North America.

"It's truly an honour to serve the over 3,000 members of the Peel Regional Police Service as their Chief," Duraiappah said last week. "As a team, we look forward to serving this remarkable and diverse community for many years to come."

While his ancestry is a side story to his exemplary policing career, the promotion is historic and a great Canadian success story for a kid who came to Canada as a child and grew up in Milton dreaming of becoming a police officer.

A veteran of 25 years, known as Nish, he has been a deputy chief in Halton since 2015 and came up in many conversation about notable police chiefs in

Canada. He has served in law enforcement for nearly 25 years in a variety of roles, including the Regional Drug & Morality Bureau, the Guns & Gangs Unit, and District Criminal Investigations.

The board says he has worked with federal counterparts on the RCMP Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and shown a strong commitment to many of the region's diverse cultural and faith-based communities in his capacity as Halton Police Diversity and Cultural Relations Coordinator.

"Deputy Chief Duraiappah represents the next generation of leadership for the police service," said Nando Iannicca, chairman of the Peel Police Services Board. "The community we all serve expects nothing less than the highest degree of duty and integrity -- the very qualities we saw in Deputy Chief Duraiappah during the hiring process."

He's a police officer who has worked in every role possible. His credentials are impeccable. And he is highly respected among those who work with him or have served with him.

"I am extremely proud of Nish," said Halton Chief Steve Tanner.

On one hand, Tanner admits, he's losing a top cop in his command who he relies on. But on the other hand, he's thrilled his deputy was chosen for the prestigious job in Peel.

"I look forward to continuing to work closely with Nish as a neighbouring police chief and partner in building strong community safety and well-being across our two regions," Tanner said.

"I am so proud of his career and accomplishments and now taking on this very important role as Peel's chief of police," said Tanner. "Nish is an experienced senior leader who will do an incredible job."

Calling "Nish a star in Halton" who "was ahead of the curve on public safety initiatives," Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said that, "I have long advocated for the hiring of a chief with experience and fresh perspective on how best to handle the growing number of 911 calls that are mental health related and gun violence in Peel Region ..."

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said she's "thrilled" by the news and welcomed Duraiappah's appointment.

"Nish brings a wealth of knowledge & experience to Peel. Congrats! Many thanks

to interim Chief McCord for your steady leadership this year. Working together, we'll ensure Mississauga remains a safe city," said Crombie.



Nishan Duraiappah, as seen in an undated photo. (Halton Police)

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Opinion

In 2019, politicians and honesty don't make the best combo

by Surjit Singh Flora

If we've learned anything in the run-up to the federal election, it's that dishonesty, fraud and promises-not-kept appear to be the motto of certain politicians.

Those who operate behind the scenes are even more duplicitous. For instance, Gerald Butts blames Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Trudeau's disastrous trip to India, which was revealed in John Ivison's new book, "Trudeau: The Education of a Prime Minister".

Butts, who has just announced his return to the Liberal fold as the prime minister's right-hand man, after resigning amid the SNC-Lavalin scandal, is quoted by Ivison as saying Modi was "out to screw" the Canadian delegation.

Did Butts comment about Trudeau "out to screw Canadians," the taxpayers? Let me expound, on behalf of Butts:

Trudeau is giving away billions of taxpayer dollars to other countries, while Canadians struggle. Taxpayers are being hit with a carbon tax to live in our climate, over a fraudulent issue.

Canadian veterans are being treated like they are no

one. Numerous unveiled attacks on Alberta.

Throwing us and our next generation under the marijuana truck by "legalizing" a gateway drug. Letting Canadians look like fools on the world stage. Going on a multitude of vacations at the taxpayer's expense.

Trudeau remains unpopular in the western provinces for giving the impression that he only cares about Montreal and Toronto. Typically, Bombardier got a huge bailout while the oil slump has gone basically ignored. Much of his popularity lies in fawning from central Canadian media outlets and social media memes about his good looks.

There was nothing wrong with Stephen Harper — with his blue sharp eyes, he had an aloofness to him, but by U.S. terms, he was a moderate centrist, and was a highly competent technocrat and a published scholar.

But let's be fair.

Alberta disapproves of Trudeau's policies, but there's no real personal vitriol against the man — while his father was absolutely loathed. He has been a positive influence for the country in that he

comes across as displaying some character and warmth.

Compared to Trump, it is a good projection of soft power for Canada.

So, Trudeau might fit much better for a mayoral role than prime minister. A country is too much and too big for him to handle.

Because he's more focused on societal issues that aren't his to fix than, he is facing an economic collapse in provinces outside of Ontario and Quebec.

Also, he's focused more on feminism and gender equality — admirable as they are — than on the economic state that several provinces have faced since he's elected.

Trudeau introduced a new carbon tax that shut down several small businesses, shrunk several large businesses, and that almost completely crashed Alberta's largest industry — oil.

He steals tax dollars to pay for his personal vacations and for his kids' nannies to come with and for them to watch his kids at home. When the opposition asked him about this, he deflected over 15 times; but when the ethics commissioner caught him, he

said he was "sorry" -- when in actuality, he was only sorry he got caught.

That meant he broke the law and got away with it.

He's burying us in debt, and he's done next to nothing for job creation while bringing in an overwhelmingly large number of illegals and refugees who live on welfare and who continue to drain us so that he can buy votes from them.

He wants to go against the charter of rights and freedoms by discriminating

against religions by cutting off funding programs for them if they don't support abortion and the LGBTQ+ community — which they don't.

He has embarrassed himself during international events, has bullied women in his cabinet, so bad that they have been forced to leave the party to sit as independents, and he tries to hypocritically call himself a feminist.

If this were anyone but Trudeau, this would have ended in assault charges

being placed against him. But he just had to apologize and did so rather insincerely.

But he'll happily give \$200 million to Iraq to rebuild their economy. He cares more about looking good than actually helping Canadians.

In the coming election this fall, people will have to look at what Trudeau has actually done to the country.

Personally, I don't believe he's qualified for the high chair any more.



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Two men charged with multiple firearm offences

A pair of Brampton men have been hit with a laundry list of charges in connection with an investigation of an illegal weapon.

Peel Police's Street Level Organized Crime Bureau reported earlier this week that the arrests stem from an investigation launched earlier this summer regarding the presence of an illegal firearm.

As a result of that investigation, a search warrant was conducted at an apartment building in the area of Dixie Road and Queen Street by members of the unit, with assistance from the Tactical and Rescue Unit.

In the process of conducting the warrant, both men attempted to flee from police by

traversing several balconies but were quickly apprehended.

A 31 year-old man from Brampton has been charged with multiple offences, including unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of an illegal weapon, and possessing an opioid, cocaine, heroin and MDMA, while a 29 year-old man, also of Brampton, has been hit with similar charges.

Both men appeared in Brampton court to answer to the charges on Aug. 7.

Residents with information on the investigation is asked to call investigators at the Street Level Organized Crime Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3515.



Candidate mulls legal action after Dufferin competitor's email

A Conservative candidate in Dufferin-Caledon is considering legal action against a fellow competitor over a recent e-mail distributed to party members.

Kyle Seeback, who won the nomination for the party in the Dufferin-Caledon riding, took aim at fellow candidate Barb Shaughnessy after a close race, which ended with Seeback winning by a margin of just over 100 ballots on July 31.

Shaughnessy claimed that that Seeback will "likely be unable to hold Dufferin-Caledon for us beyond 2019", as written in an email distributed to party supporters on Tuesday, titled "Brampton politics have come to Dufferin C".

Seeback, a former MP in the Brampton West riding from 2011-2015, was one of four candidates vying for the riding

earlier this summer.

The riding faced controversy this past spring, when a previous nomination contest resulted in Harzadan Khattrra being selected at a Mar. 19 vote. The nomination was subsequently appealed by Shaughnessy, and Khattrra was removed from the role.

The federal Conservatives eventually elected to hold a second nomination vote on July 31, with Seeback, Shaughnessy, Gurminder Gill and Jeremy Williams.

According to a statement by Conservative riding association president Jennifer Innis, who also serves as the regional councillor for Wards 3 & 4, no appeals have been made to challenge the nomination, and that the deadline to make appeals had passed.

Police investigating report of shots fired in Mississauga

Investigators from the 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau are investigating shots fired in Mississauga.

On Sunday, Aug. 4, at approximately 9:37 p.m., uniform officers responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Enfield Place and Sussex Gate in Mississauga.

When police arrived, there were people leaving the area from what is believed to be a social gathering.

Police observed two vehicles that were damaged as a

result of the shots fired.

There were no injuries sustained in this incident, and investigators from 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau are appealing for witnesses who were in the area at the time of the shooting incident.

Anyone with information, video surveillance or dashcam video relating to this investigation is asked to call investigators at the 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1233.



New entrepreneur centre gives a "PESO" for your thoughts

by Catherine Sople

The newly-opened Brampton Entrepreneur Centre, located at 41 George Street, is talking its walk to reduce barriers to getting into business.

Doors are open throughout this month so that vis-

itors can experience what 21st Century digital co-working space feels like for those who benefit from a dose of social disruption. While there, you can apply for a spot.

"You are your story" was

the opening message from Robin Ashford, MNP LLP's senior director of marketing for Eastern Canada.

In knowing your story and being able to relate it to other people, authentic connections open up to un-

veil the 'stay awake' issues of your potential client.

A successful marketing strategy has clarity to (A) know the status of your business now, (B) envision where you want it to grow, (C) analyse what is required to bridge the gap, and (D) get the job done by selecting the tactics to close the gap.

Examples of priority considerations at every stage include People internal, Clients and Services offered, Brand Position and Profile, and Knowledge Networks.

As Bill Gates is famously attributed, "Content is King". Digital platforms on interweb have a potential to reduce barriers and democratize marketing with greater visibility - but, in a hyperspeed pulse of information, also greater obscurity. Think of the utility of a book library if all the pages are separated from

the bindings that hold the content together.

Despite a near-instant ability to connect on digital platforms - and sometimes, a precognitively suggested connection thanks to algorithms, marketing and sales rely on connecting with people to build trust that leads to business.

People still chug along at the pace of... people. Relationships still take about two years to ripen, and can vaporize the instant the trust bubble is burst.

The Bootstrapping your Marketing Strategy introduced the intersectional PESO model as a brainstorm mapping tool to assist in sorting and prioritizing the marketing strategy in a content-driven virtual platform.

Marketing content and distribution is paid, earned, shared or owned. Participants at a recent

workshop were encouraged to break out into interactive working groups, as ideas contributed had a domino effect to spark new insights and evolved connections.

Every Thursday evening through August, MNP LLP, an accounting and business consulting firm, is offering four more business events in its series of business essentials scaled for start-ups, solo- and micro-preneurs.

Full details are found at: brampton.ca/en/online-services/events.

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August 19: Starting and Validating your Business

August 21: Business Model Canvas

August 22: Small Business Tools



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Special

Priority budgets focus of student symposium

by Catherine Sople

Nearly all of Ontario's 2.8 million students, from junior kindergarten through part-time postsecondary level, take a summer recess.

Not so for more than 150 university students, who attended the recent Student Skills Symposium, held at Ryerson University last month.

Labeled as #WeTheStudents on social media, the GTA Skills Symposium brought together students from Peel, York, Durham and Toronto with community partners.

"This historic gathering is happening at a very critical time," said Felipe Nagata, Chair of Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Ontario in his opening remarks.

"The We The Students campaign will demand grants, not loans; the elimination of tuition fees for all students and the right for student groups to organize... we want the government to rescind the Student Choice Initiative."

The Symposium was the first in a series organized by CFS' Ontario wing.

Founded in 1981, CFS is Canada's largest and oldest students' association, which unites more than 500,000 members across Canada who attend more than 64 universities and colleges.

"We want to maintain membership and grow the network of people committed to bring about universal access to public education," said Nagata.

"We brought in more than 35 students," said Atif Abdullah, a Computer Science student who is the newly-elected president of the University of Toronto Mississauga - Students Union (UTMSU). There are more than 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students registered at UTM.

"The change in government priorities since 2018 means Ontario now has the least per student investment across its entire system," said Kayla Weiler, CFS-Ontario's representative to CFS National Executive Council. "At the same time, Ontario's per student tuition is the highest in Canada."

"Budgets are about priorities," added Noor Alideeb, coordinator for the symposium.

The cost of universal access to post-secondary education is an estimated \$10 billion, according to Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in a recent report.

By comparison, \$20 billion is the actual 2020 budget for Canada's military, and it is set to increase.

"When you vote, say yes to peace," said Jensen Williams, CFS National Campaign Coordinator.

Axed education budgets and massive cuts to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) announced from July 2018 onward saw students and their supporters across the province respond in protest.

The cancellation of low-income student tuition grants and reduced funding for

post-secondary education is already having an impact on hundreds of thousands of students across the province.

Now in September, the results are in: Student Unions are facing triple-jeopardy to balance their budgets, which rely on collection of student union fees.

The fees are collected at the same time that students remit their tuition payments, ahead of showing up for class.

Fewer students are registering without tuition supports. For students not already able to "pay to play", the 10 per cent tuition reduction announced for 2019 is meaningless without financing.

As a result, more students are reducing course load, moving from full- to part-time status, or worse, are forced to abandon partially-completed studies.

A double-whammy to cut student fee revenues arose from the Student Choice Initiative, introduced in January by the province.

It is a counterpart to 'right-to-work' legislation which bans contractual agreements requiring workers to pay for the costs of union representation.

First, unexpected extra costs were foisted on students' unions to rewire already-completed 2019-2020 financial forecasts, to strip out 'essential' from 'non-essential' services.

Secondly, September remittances have a student 'opt-in' protocol to pay the

provincially-deemed 'non-essential' fees. Funding for these services and supportive campus groups mitigate harm and foster wellbeing for students, in times of stress and transition when they are needed most.

The cuts will risk more harm and less help to women and trans people, sexual health, supports for survivors of sexualized violence, pride and food centres along with campus newspapers, radio stations, student associations and campus clubs

The impact of cuts is most devastating to lower income students and part-time students. The cohort predominantly is comprised of women, youth, newcomers, persons living with disability, especially from racialized and immigrant communities.

"Students' unions are

democratic organizations with due processes for establishing fees. Over decades they have fought hard to provide equitable access to quality campus life." said Susan, a part-time post-career student and veteran education activist since the early 1980's.

Susan is pleased that CFS, in partnership with York University Federation of Students, have jointly entered a legal challenge to contest the Student Choice Initiative as both unlawful and unprecedented bad faith by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"Students of history want to believe history is sitting in the winning moment for students," said Mary Asekme, Deputy Chair of CFS. Asekme's presentation on the student movement for the past 100 years charted a pattern of 20-year

cycles.

With the Minister of Education, who experienced private education at St. Michaels Boys School with a Parliamentary Assistant that was home-schooled, coupled with a Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities who advocated for charter / choice schools, the lines for private versus public have not seen such a gap in Canada since 200 years ago, when public education was first established in Upper Canada.

Egerton Ryerson, who got the ball rolling, was a circuit Methodist Minister and teacher, whose established his first school in what is now the Region of Peel.

For further information about the Canadian Federation of Students, and to maintain CFS membership, visit cfsontario.ca/action.



Child predator nabbed after internet sting



A Mississauga man is under arrest after an internet sting operation conducted by Peel Police's Internet Child Exploitation Unit.

The investigation stems from a series of conversations the suspect had with an individual who was believed to be younger than 16, over a period of time from Mar. 29 - Apr. 27, 2019, for a sexual purpose.

The suspect, investigators said earlier this

week, used the social media handle of Carl Kirk.

The force later announced that 73 year-old Carl Frederick Kirk had been arrested and charged with multiple offenses, including three counts each of luring a child to commit sexual interference, luring to distribute sexually explicit material to a child, and luring a child to attempt to make child pornography, among other of-

fenses.

Kirk appeared in Brampton court for a bail hearing on July 31 to answer to the charges.

Anyone who has had contact with Carl Frederick Kirk in relation to the investigation is asked to contact investigators with Peel Police's Internet Child Exploitation Unit at 905-453-2121, ext. 3490.

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Cannabis provider announces extraction contract

by Alex Gregory

One of the region's fastest-growing cannabis producers has inked a major extraction services contract with a fellow producer.

TerrAscend, which operates a manufacturing facility in Mississauga, announced Tuesday that it has partnered with Indiva Limited on an extraction services program that will see the latter company provide extraction and refinement support at their London, Ontario facility.

"This partnership further demonstrates our intention to focus on derivative products and highlights our expertise in this space," said TerrAscend's CEO, Michael Nashat, Tuesday morning.

"We expect to be known not only for our high-quality pre-rolls, capsules and edibles, but also for the support that we can provide to our fellow licensed producers in the extraction, manufacturing and refinement of cannabis products."

As part of the agreement, TerrAscend will deliver a minimum of 800 kilograms of dry flower to Indiva per year for extraction. Conversely, Indiva will be responsible for extraction and refinement services employing its 70-tonne ethanol extraction system and will return the final product to TerrAscend in bulk formulated oil, or in distillate form.

Indiva also says it has

plans to release its own gel capsules and oils to the Canadian public upon receipt of an oil sales amendment from Health Canada.

In a statement, Indiva president Niel Marotta said the company was "thrilled" to be partnering with TerrAscend.

Indiva expects to use

its expertise in extraction and refinement to help companies like TerrAscend meet the demand for high-quality cannabis oil and

cannabis-infused products in Canada and abroad, as laws permit, said Marotta.



Province announces additional funding for events

One month after pulling funding from several events and festivals throughout southwestern Ontario, including Peel Region, the province announced last week that it would be boosting support for local events through a \$2 million funding package.

The announcement was made prior to the Toronto Caribbean Carnival last week, with tourism and culture minister Lisa MacLeod on hand to talk about the grants, which will be delivered through the Celebrate Ontario program.

"Every dollar invested

through Celebrate Ontario results in almost \$21 of visitor spending," said Minister MacLeod. "This year's program received a strong response and we're ensuring each budgeted dollar supports as many community festivals and events as possible."

Grants from the Celebrate Ontario program have benefited a variety of local festivals, including the recent Cheers Caledon event, which received a \$21,346 grant from the program last year.

The funding boosts will see different amounts

distributed to different regions, with the following breakdown:

West: \$545,162

North: \$80,103

East: \$757,403

Central: \$716,282

In a statement, McLeod said that the funding will help festival and event organizers enhance programming, activities and services so that festivals and events can offer new experiences, reach new audiences and support local jobs.

"Festivals and events help create and support jobs, grow the economy and offer Ontario residents and tourists another reason to explore our wonderful province," the statement read.

The province has already announced that funding would be given

to several Ottawa- and London-based festivals who previously saw their grant amounts pulled, with additional announcements set to be revealed in the coming weeks.

In total, the province is investing \$17 million in the program to support more than 270 festivals and events.

Tourism is an important economic driver, supporting more than 390,000 jobs and generating over \$34 billion of economic activity in the province, according to a recent statement from local officials.

Since 2014, the province's tourism sector has experienced year-on-year increases in tourism receipts of over six per cent.



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Local science group boosts equity via federal grant

A local women's organization with roots in helping girls develop an interest in science is benefiting from a federal grant, announced last week.

Mississauga-Streetsville MP Gagan Sikand and Maryam Monsef, the women and gender equality minister, announced that the feds will be investing \$548,804 in the Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS) to make its services available to more young women to promote, educate, and develop an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among girls aged seven to sixteen.

CAGIS is one of the more than 250 women's organizations and Indigenous organizations serving women across the country, receiving funding under the federal Capacity-building Fund.

This investment stems from the Budget 2018 announcement of \$100 million over five years to support a viable and sustainable women's move-

ment across the country.

"We recognize the women and women's organizations that have long been breaking through barriers, and we express our gratitude to them for what has often been decades of important work, on little more than a shoestring budget," said Monsef, who previously announced that a selection of women's groups would be receiving funding earlier this year, during an event held in Mississauga.

"We know that investing in women's organizations is the most effective way to advance

gender equality," she continued. "By supporting a movement that has achieved amazing results, we are growing the middle-class, strengthening families and communities, and creating lasting change that benefits everyone."

The funding will enable women's organizations and Indigenous organizations serving women to tackle systemic barriers impeding women's progress, while recognizing and addressing the diverse experiences of gender and inequality across the country.

"When I started CAGIS back in 1992, I never dreamed that today could be possible," CAGIS founder and president Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko said. "This welcome investment in our grassroots organization will go a long way toward supporting girls' interests in STEM and helping them achieve their goals. Giving girls role models and the opportunity to experience the lab and field environment for themselves is a key support for their future success, and key to closing the gender gap in Canadian STEM."



Work begins on improvements for busy Mississauga highway

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be undertaking improvements of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from east of Dixie Road to The East Mall later this summer.

Toronto Zenith is the contractor for the project, and GHD limited is the construction contract administrator, working on behalf of the Ministry.

The project commenced in Sep. 2018, and is anticipated to reach completion in Nov. 2021. The total construction value of the assignment is \$57,467,000.00.

Work in 2019 will include the following:

- Partial replacement of the QEW Bridge over Etobicoke Creek;

- QEW Median reconstruction between The West Mall and The East Mall;

- Localized QEW widening to the north between The West Mall and Dixie Road; and

- Peel Region Sanitary Sewer and Watermain upgrades on Brentano Boulevard.

To-date, all of the above activities have commenced, and upgrades to the Peel Region Sanitary Sewer are nearly complete.

The QEW widening work to the north, scheduled to be complete this season, in 2019, includes construction of a series of Retaining Walls and Noise Walls behind the residents backing onto the QEW off of Brentano Boulevard.



Bolton business brings expert service to community

The Heddeka Group offers personal and professional growth workshops in the Bolton area.

Owner Hazel Piacentini recently spoke about the importance of training, her business journey and what she wants to offer to the community.

What do you do at The Heddeka Group?

I run business training workshops, consultation and coaching services, along with other personal development workshops and gatherings.

I worked a lot of years in the corporate world focused on education and training. In the last 10 to 15 years, I focused on leadership development.

I wanted to bring what I had done corporately to small and medium-sized business. Things like: the role of a leader, dealing with change, how to deal with conflict, how to get your team to be high performing... those types of things.

Small businesses don't necessarily have the resources to hire larger companies for that type of training.

From what I've experienced, entrepreneurs have a lot of skills and ideas and have not necessarily been given leadership or employee devel-

opment knowledge. To grow a business, it's important to learn to be a good leader and how to talk to your customers and develop your staff.

Why did you start your own business?

I worked for Bell Canada for 20 years, then moved on to Deloitte for three years, then IBM for 10 years. My time ended with Deloitte and IBM due to downsizing. Then I worked with AON Insurance as their National Learning and Development VP and then they downsized and the type of work we were doing was moved to the U.S.

I focused on training and development in the HR field. Areas such as team building, leadership and employee development.

It was 2013 and I was deciding what to do next. I had worked with a lot of smaller business when I was with Bell and IBM and it led me down this path. I had some clients come in, it was going okay, then I was approached to take on a contract working with a chronic pain company as a Learning Consultant. When their HR VP, left they asked me to take on the role of VP, HR and Marketing, and then, the company ended up being

sold and that was the end of my contract.

That led me back to Heddeka and to develop this business.

How did you get into HR in the first place?

It evolved, really. Right out of school, I started working for Bell Canada. Early on, I was being tapped on the shoulder to do presentations, and I liked it - so I went back to college for adult education.

Then I got interested in dealing with change, cultural change, and how people deal with that.

Often, when a corporation is making a technological change or process change, they don't think about how that affects their people.

I did a lot of research, especially when I was with Deloitte - they helped me understand the human side of change.

It was really my passion... how to develop teams and leaders to address and help people dealing with the changes that help a company grow.

How did you end up in Bolton?

I was born in Northern Ireland and moved to Canada

when I was seven. We left to get away from, as my parents called it, "the troubles" in Ireland. It was either Canada or Australia and my dad had two brothers here, so they chose Canada.

We moved around a bit when we first got here, and settled in North York, where I grew up. When I got married, we moved to Bolton in the 70s. We left after my first child, and I came back when I got divorced because I had two sisters that live in Bolton, that was in 1992 and I have been here ever since.

What's the best business advice you can give?

Planning. You HAVE to have a plan.

I worked with someone once that told me her accountant told her she didn't need a business plan... You always need a plan!

What's the purpose of the business, what is your "why," then how are you getting the word out, how are you going to finance it - you can't expect to have a clientele immediately so how are you going to deal with that.

Then, you need to work the plan, if the plan needs changing, don't be afraid to change it, and you don't need to

change the goal!

Some people write a plan then put it on the shelf and leave it. You, as a business owner, have to go back and review and review, at least twice a year.

When I have done focus groups with business owners, the biggest piece of advice was to get someone, like a coach, to help them stick with the plan. If you don't continually monitor how you are doing, then you won't be able to make adjustments to help you grow your business.

The other piece of advice is

customer service.

If you are not serving the customer, and I'm not saying that they are right 100% of the time, if you are not meeting the needs of your customer you won't survive.

If you don't give the customer a positive experience, then you may not get the most important marketing interaction - word of mouth - which is the best way to get more customers.

The Heddeka Group is located at 25 Mill Street, in Bolton. For more information, visit heddeka.ca.



Improving Internet and Cellphone Service in Rural Communities

by Sylvia Jones, MPP

Families and businesses in rural communities can expect better cellphone service and high-speed internet, following our government's commitment to invest \$315 million to improve and expand service.

Dufferin-Caledon is no exception when it comes to barriers to accessing cell-phone service.

Our government's plan is expected to generate up to \$1 billion in total investment over five years. This will result in up to 220,000 homes and business, helping people stay connected.

We are going to get shovels in the ground and get the right infrastructure built to better serve our communities.

The plan will include a \$150 million investment for a new broadband fund, which will leverage private sector funding as well as support from other levels of government. This will increase investment and drive expansion to underserved communities.

Ontario is supporting the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project in Southwestern Ontario, the Niagara Region, and the Town of Caledon, committing up to \$63.7 million in funding toward SWIFT's total project costs of more than \$190 million.

SWIFT is focused on the construction of a high-speed broadband network in Caledon, Southwestern Ontario, and the Niagara Region.

From 2015 to 2018, Dufferin County invested \$536,000 into SWIFT and created a \$2 million broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed internet.

To help residents who

need access to high-speed internet, the Town of Caledon has public Wi-Fi available at all branches of the library, recreation centres, and at Town Hall.

The Town of Mono created an internet service task force to study internet service in the rural community. It also established an internet center at Town Hall that can be booked to access free high-speed internet.

Groups like Dufferin Board of Trade and local leaders like Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Mono Mayor Laura Ryan have been calling for investments in the SWIFT program for many years. Their advocacy is one of the reasons I am so proud to see our government move forward with this important announcement.

If you have any questions about the improvements to internet and cellphone service in rural communities, please call my office at 1-800-265-1603 or visit sylviajonesmpp.ca.

Newcomers invited to upcoming multicultural event

Community leaders and employment experts will be welcoming newcomers to Peel during a special event next week.

Brampton Multicultural Community Centre in partnership with RBC and YMCA, will celebrate Newcomers to Canada with a festive afternoon of programming for all ages on

Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the YMCA, located at 20 Union Street in Brampton.

The event, which launched last year, will bring together more than 15 local exhibitors who will be offering their services in order to help Newcomers feel more settled in their new community.

"We take pride in building a vibrant and cohesive community. The Brampton Newcomer Day is a great opportunity to connect with our new residents and welcome them to our city," said Dima Amad, program director for BMC. "Our aim for the day is to facilitate networking opportunities and promote the wealth of

services that exist to help newcomers settle and integrate in our great City.”

The event is important for the community, said RBC regional vice president Zanita DiSalle. "The event) offers the opportunity for us all to embrace our newest residents and connect them with all the right services they may need."

The event will offer a variety of programming, from accessing Canadian health care to getting advice on resume-building and job-hunting, to speaking to experts about banking in Canada to fun activities for kids. Some of the participating Community Partners include Peel Police, Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, Access Employment, Brampton Entrepreneur Centre and more.

Admission is free for the event, which runs from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information,
visit bmccentre.org.



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A portrait of Stephen Dasko, a man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a white shirt and a dark suit jacket. He is positioned on the right side of the image against a green background.

What is the cost of wealth redistribution?

by Vidya Gopaul

Wealth redistribution has been happening all around the world, in every continent and in every country in one form or another, for many, many years.

That was happening and is happening because of social injustice, inequality between man and woman, a huge gap between the rich and the poor and political strife.

The ideology is the same in most cases. That is, take away from the rich and give it to the poor. It started with the tale of Robin Hood and passed down to several individuals, including Juraj Janoskik, Basil The Blessed of Russia, Nakamura Jirokichi of Japan, Scotty Smith of Scotland, Phoolan Devi of India, Leonarda Emilia, Dr. Ozel Clifford Brasil of the United States and Boss Yu of China.

As you can see, there were no shortage of Robin Hoods in all five continents. And they were not just men, but women as well.

Phoolan Devi was a woman lived in India. After being abused by men and found guilty of a crime that she did not commit she started to take revenge with the rich people by forming a gang of her own.

With the help of her gang

members, she would steal from the rich men and gave away to the poor.

Leonarda Emilia was another Robin Hood. Dressed as a man, she would rob rich travellers and redistribute the loot to the poor. After the crime was done, she would flash her bare torso to the men to show they were robbed by a woman.

One other Robin Hood I would like to mention is Pablo Escobar of Columbia. As much as he was a notorious gangster and drug trafficker, he used to redistribute his fortunes to the poor and build hospitals and schools.

In the political arena, there is no shortage of people applying the Robin Hood ideology. The creation of Communism and Socialism was to redistribute the wealth among the people, treat everyone equally and also to counterbalance capitalism. The idea was great, but has not worked well since.

In India, there is a group called Naxilte whose mandate is to steal from the rich and redistribute the loot among themselves. In the beginning, they were very brutal and left no stone unturned when it came to rob the rich, and they would

do so by any vicious method.

Overall, the Robin Hoods of yesteryear were doing good deeds with the loot. That is, they would build hospitals, schools, house, churches, give to charities and welfare organisations.

All these scenarios lead me to believe that there is another Robin Hood of the present day, and that is the #Metoo movement.

This movement has targeted rich and famous men, along with the male CEOs of huge companies. These include, but aren't limited to, Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein, Bill Cosby, Charlie Rose of CBS, Sylvester Stallone, Les Moonves of CBS, Matt Lauer of NBC, casino magnate Stephen Wynn, actor Morgan Freeman, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and now-disgraced singer R.Kelly.

These men are filthy rich. They are millionaires and billionaires. It seems that the hidden agenda for the #Metoo movement is to take away the wealth from these very rich men and redistribute it.

As much as this seems to be a women's agenda, it is possible that men are also behind it for whatever reason may be.

Just like the yesteryears of Robin Hoods who always wanted to make big money very quick and fast by either stealing the banks, selling drugs, breaking into rich people's homes or robbing the trains, the #Metoo movement is doing exactly the same.

Instead of going through the justice systems, which takes a very long time to process, these men are attacked in the "people's court", via social media.

In this manner they are instantly accused, tried and convicted on the same day!

So, the wealth starts to trickle down slowly and being redistributed. How?

As we have seen in all cases, the minute these men

are accused of sexual misconduct on social media, they lose their job immediately.

For example, Moonves, the chairman and CEO of the CBS Corporation, was ousted as soon as allegations about his private life went public. Matt Lauer of NBC lost his job right away, and so did Charlie Rose of CBS. They were working on television the day before and heard that they lost their jobs on-air, on the same station the morning after.

Once they lose their jobs, there is no income. Hence, their salaries are redistributed elsewhere.

However, the biggest redistribution of wealth takes place through the compensa-

tion package received by the accusers, the legal fees of the lawyers, settling lawsuits, and most importantly, when the men are divorced, their wives get half of their wealth.

These wealth settlements are in the millions. Some men have seen their wealth reduced to almost zero.

Where did the wealth go? I can guarantee that it was not redistributed to the poor or less fortunate, but it has been redistributed somewhere.

While the wealth was redistributed to the less fortunate by the Robin Hoods of yesteryears, the Robin Hood of the present day redistributes the wealth to the not-so less fortunate.



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Pendrith outpaces the pack to nab first career win

Mississauga Steelheads ambassador Taylor Pendrith has been on quite a run as of late.

After a runner-up finish at the Osprey Valley Open, and a T-3 showing at the HFX Pro-Am, Pendrith set the Edmonton Country Club course record on Sunday with a 62, to capture his first career Mackenzie Tour win at the 1932 Bateman Open.

"I don't know if it's sunk in yet, but it feels really good and I've been so close many times," Pendrith said Sunday.

"To know that I'm a winner on this Tour brings me a lot of confidence. It's hard to win on any Tour, so it feels awesome to be the champion here."

The Richmond Hill, Ontario native found himself four shots back after rounds of (69-67-69),

but came out firing on Sunday. After dropping seven birdies through 16 holes without a blemish on the card, the 28-year old stepped up to the par 5 17th and smashed his drive 390 yards leaving him with only a gap wedge to a tight pin.

From 165 yards out, Pendrith stuck his approach to 10 feet and would go on to convert the eagle putt.

"I knew that putt was going to be big," Pendrith said. "I didn't really know where I was standing but I knew that if I made that I was going to get to nine-under on the round and that was probably going to have a chance to win. That was definitely the big hole for me to make a three there and pick up two shots."

After an effortless par on the closing hole, Pendrith headed to the driv-

ing range to prepare himself for a playoff scenario but the extra practice would not be needed. The Golf Canada Young Pro Squad member would go on to win by three and move up to No. 4 on the domestic circuit's Order of Merit.

With the victory, Pendrith also became the first Canadian to win a Mackenzie Tour event since Adam Cornelson won the 2016 Bayview Place DCBank Open.

On the Mackenzie Tour, it is important to remain in the top-five in the Order of Merit by seasons end. The reward is a promotion to the Korn Ferry Tour (previously known as the web.com Tour), where the Top 50 players receive their PGA Tour card. The young Canadian accomplished the feat of reaching the Korn

Ferry Tour in 2015 and is confident that he can do again.

"I know most of the golf courses out here, I feel comfortable out here and now I'm playing some really good golf," Pendrith said regarding the importance of the remaining schedule. "The end of the year, the last

few tournaments will be pretty crucial. Knowing I have the ability to finish in the top five and just coming off a win I have tons of confidence, so I'm really looking forward to keeping it going over the next few events."

The big hitting Canuck has strong reason to be

confident heading into his next couple events, and not just because of his recent podium finishes.

Pendrith's game has been extremely consistent, posting a round in the 60's sixteen straight times for a combined 75 under par over that span.



Mississauga's "Obrissy" nabs coveted contract with Raptors

Oshae Brissett is heading home.

The Mississauga native and former Syracuse Orange player has been signed to an Exhibit 10 contract with the Toronto Raptors, the organization announced last week.

Brissett, who stands 6-foot-8, 210 pounds, averaged 12.4 points, 7.5 rebounds and 33.0 minutes in 34 games at Syracuse last season. He scored in double figures 23 times and posted seven double-doubles.

Brissett played two seasons (2017-19) with the Orange, posting averages of 13.7 points, 8.2 rebounds and 35.7 minutes in 71 career contests. He was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team in 2017-18.

On the international stage, Brissett helped

Canada earn a silver medal at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship in Chile, averaging 16.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 27.6 minutes in five games.

The terms of the Exhibit 10 contract mean that Brissett will attend the team's

training camp with the possibility to make the team. Should Brissett fail to make the team, he will instead play for the Raptors G League affiliate, which plays out of Mississauga's Paramount Fine Foods Centre.



Global T20 hits record viewership

Following its debut season in 2018, Global T20 Canada has arrived bigger, better and stronger this year. Season 2 saw a surge in viewership of 12 times more viewers from last year's opening match compared to viewers worldwide in this year's opening match, while in-person attendance reached almost full-house in the 5,000-seat stadium.

"It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and support, and an almost full house at our opening match. We project that at least 100,000 tickets will be sold by the time we reach the finals, which significantly surpasses last year," said Gurmeet Singh, chairman of the tournament, earlier this week.

This year, the tournament debuted the GT20 Official Mobile App on Android iOS to create a new fan experi-

ence with forward thinking social technology. The organizers project that with this mobile app, viewership will be leveraged to over 1 billion people world wide.

With the tournament being broadcasted on TV to 67 countries outside of Canada, and with the use of the mobile app, the organizers aspire to make GT20 the second most watched and socially engaged sporting

event on all platforms, across the globe.

The tournament runs through Aug. 11 at the newly-built 5,000-seat cricket grounds at the CAA Sports Centre, located at 7575 Kennedy Road South in Brampton.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the tournament website at gt20.ca.



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What's The Deal With Athletic Tape?

by Dr. J. Alex Coulson

Ever see professional athletes competing with bright coloured tape? Wondered what that tape was and how it helps them compete?

When it comes to athletes being taped, there are two main types of taping – traditional athletic and kinesiology taping. Each type of tape has its own benefits and weaknesses.

The traditional athletic taping is the common taping many football and basketball players use on their ankles. It is also common to use traditional taping on hands, and wrists as well.

One of the biggest benefits to this style of taping is added support and stabilization.

One group of researchers found that by using athletic tape on ankles for people with chronic ankle instability can decrease their likelihood of re-injury that ankle.

This tape is made from

cotton, making it sweat resistant as it helps stabilize trouble areas. Although it adds support and an extra line of defense for athletes, it doesn't maintain its integrity for long periods of time.

The athletic tape only has about a 15-20 minute period from when it is apply to when it has lost most of its stabilizing properties.

Even though it only lasts for 15-20 minutes, it is still a great tool to use as it can remind athletes that their body is not 100 per cent, and to be cautious.

The second style of taping is often that bright coloured tape you will see on athletes all over the body. This style is called Kinesiology taping, and is known by the over 50 brands that it is sold as, including RockTape, KT tape and SpiderTech.

This tape was developed in the late 1970s by Dr. Kenzo Kase, a Japanese chiropractor who wanted a tape that provided sup-

port but didn't limit movement the way traditional athletic tapes do.

This tape is made of a cotton and nylon blend to try to copy the properties of skin elasticity.

This tape can also be used for multiple purposes. The most common use is to lift the skin surrounding an injury; create space in the joints and alter pain signals in the body.

Kinesiology tape can also be used when there is swelling or bruising in an area. By using specific placement, you can promote circulation and remove bruising and swelling.

Along with injury treatment, kinesiology tape can also be used to promote muscle re-education. For example, specific taping can be done to help with posture.

This taping can be a great tool for athletes and the tape can stay on for days which can be a great cost saving benefit.

One disadvantage to kinesiology taping is that there are mixed reviews on if it works how researchers claim it does.

Many experts say that it might be mostly a placebo effect with the tape, but many athletes that use it will tell you it works great.

Depending on the injury and situation, each style of taping will have its strengths and weaknesses.

If you think that taping might be right for you, I recommend talking to your health care professional.

Thanks for reading and Stay Healthy!

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Brampton group gets major donation from Peel Police

One of Brampton's long-running community groups received a major donation from Peel Police earlier this summer during their annual Police and Community Fun Day.

The long-running community event, hosted at the Emil Kolb Centre for Police Excellence, brings out hundreds of residents and representatives from the police force for a series of fun activities, events and open houses that give attendees the opportunity to learn more about what Peel Police does on a daily basis.

Bureaus such as Forensics, Marine, Tactical, Vice, Explosives Disposal and Arial Support showcase their work at different stations set up in the parking lot, while a variety of fun and free activi-

ties are hosted for the whole family.

The event is a wonderful opportunity for community members to learn more about the force keeps residents safe, a representative from the force said in a recent news release.

This year, Peel Police also hosted a small BBQ which raised \$1,825.45, which supports local charities throughout the region.

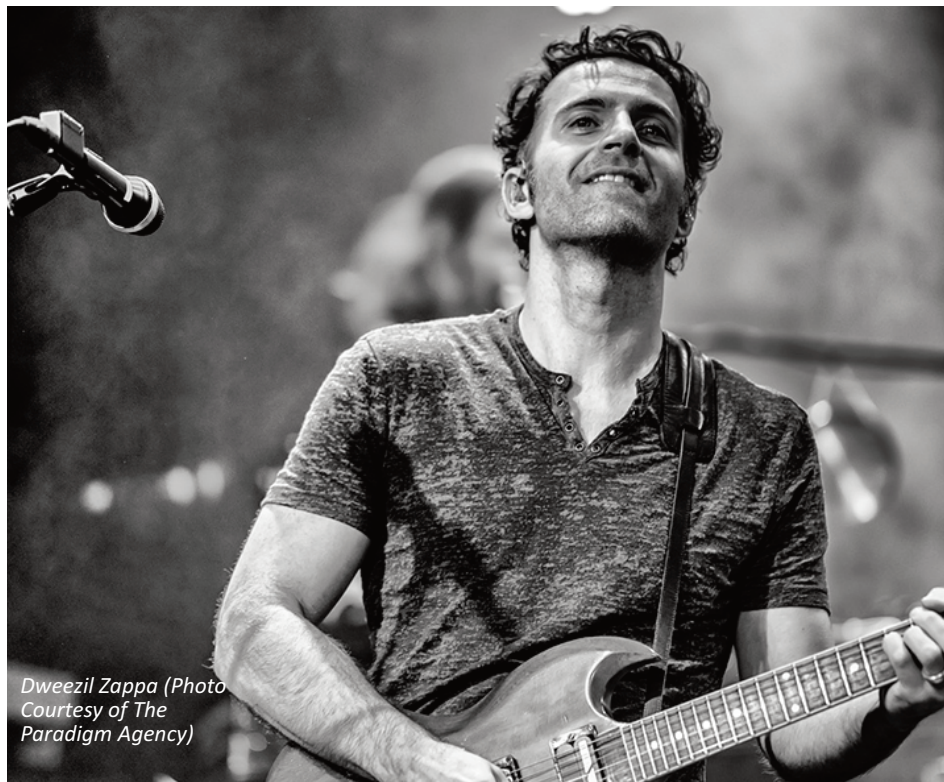
This year 100 per cent of the proceeds went to Boys and Girls Club of Peel, whose mission is to provide a safe place for activities to support the development of confidence, learning and positive relationships.

On July 31, the Boys and Girls Club received the donation at the Peel Children's Safety Village.



Submitted Photo

Rock legend brings "Hot Rats" to Mississauga



Dweezil Zappa (Photo Courtesy of The Paradigm Agency)

A guitar legend is bringing a "hot" album to Mississauga next month.

Dweezil Zappa, the son of famed guitarist Frank Zappa, will perform the classic album "Hot Rats" during a one-night-only engagement on Sep. 3 at the Living Arts Centre - the performer's only stop in the GTA.

Zappa and his "rocking teenage combo" will be in town to kick off his brand new 2019 tour, 'Hot Rats' & Other Hot Stuff, with the album being performed in sequence, live on stage.

The album, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, was dedicated to Dweezil upon its release in 1969, and played a pivotal role in establishing Frank Zappa as a composer and guitarist.

The classic tracks will be surrounded by an assortment of other psychedelic, avant-garde, odd-metered toe-tappers well-known to Zappa aficionados.

Having honed his chops under the tutelage of his father, Dweezil dabbled with television, and eventually became the custodian of his father's musical legacy.

With the release of his third album, "Confessions...", in 1991, Dweezil began to branch out musically, blending his heavy rock approach with touches of his father's distinct compositional insignia.

He would later tour as part of the band Z and release two albums before returning to solo material in 2000 with the release of "Automatic".

Besides work as an actor in films such as "Pretty in Pink" and "The Running Man", Dweezil has also contributed to numerous television shows, including "The Ben Stiller Show" and "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment", and composed dozens of tracks for the music library Extreme Music. Many of these tracks are heard on various television shows around the world.

His most recent solo album is 2006's "Go With What You Know".

Tickets are on sale for the performance, will take place on in Hammerston Hall. Dinner and show packages are also available.

For more information, or to purchase, visit livingartscentre.ca or call (905) 306-6000.

Brampton Celebrates Caribbean Culture at 2019 Jambana Festival



Health and Wellness - The Meaning of Summer

by Elizabeth Banfalvi

What is it about summer that is so amazing?

Is it that everything is so green and full of life? Is it that everyone is out and about doing so many things? What is it?

Summer is so hot, and yet, we revel in it. What do we do?

It welcomes us out to enjoy the weather. Come out and enjoy nature at its best.

When can we swim and enjoy Nature's waterways but in the summer? As much as we have pools, what could be better than swimming in the lakes, streams or even oceans. It feels different and surrounds us with a beautiful element that could also be very scary.

We swim in it; ride or play on or in it; fish in it; wade in it or just listen to the waves coming in and out. There is a peace there that we can enjoy.

The sky is so full of clouds and white jet streams. We revel in the sunrises and sunsets that paint the horizon. We watch the sun lower in the sky and wonder what the next day will bring.

Night is for walking along paths and just sauntering to get to where you want to go. Why rush?

At night, we see the stars and moon. Look up and see the beauty of it. Can you find the Big Dipper? Can you appreciate the full moon when the night is full of brightness or the New Moon when it is beautifully dark?

The sky is an artistic canvas full of glimmering lights. We walk barefoot in the summer. To feel the earth beneath our feet or the water lapping at our ankles is amazing.

What a freedom we feel with the earth. We feel connected with the grass, sand, or wet rainy earth. Where else could we get this feeling of connection?

So many flying insects and birds are there to see. The birds are flying here and there and the different types are amazing. The butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, bees, etc. flutter from one plant to another landing ever so gently and then taking flight again. The crickets sing their songs in the evening time and the cicadas fill the sunlight hours.

What a cascade of sound. Close your eyes and just listen to them all. They fill our senses with their sounds. Swans and ducks gently float on the waterways.

This is the time when we venture out and leave the televisions and computers behind to enjoy the day. What a time to relish what is out there.

Walk, bike, play sports – we all enjoy the weather. Even if we get overheated, it is still worth it.

Flowers – what a feast for the eyes and nose. They decorate our walkways and gardens with their amazing colours and scents. Lilacs in the spring and now a wide variety of every colour is plentiful.

Nothing can be better than Nature's version of art, that is called a flower.

This is also a time to learn to do new things in the day like workshops in Tai Chi or Qi Jong. We see groups of people standing and then moving smoothly into the next position.

Join groups that walk together and enjoy the company and the landscape.

What is better than a movie in the park, a trek to one of Brampton's local parks or a festival at Celebration Square? Sit back and enjoy the movie screen surrounded by the night sky. The dark and light together blending in a beautiful night.

The parks are full of trees – big, beautiful trees. What is better than sitting under a tree? Its branches form a canopy of shade above you but its branches lift to the skies above.

Trees are so common in Canada and they support our city structure. What would our landscape be without them? Picnic under a tree with the children sitting on a blanket enjoying an ice cream cone bought from a

truck nearby. The squirrels race around the trunk and on the ground adding activity to the scene.

Barbeques are so frequent now but also an open fire pit or bon fire on the beach. Enjoy the night, the fire and you surrounded by friends. The crackling of the fire is the music and the fire is the light. It is a quiet in a different way.

Our pets give us an opportunity to walk and enjoy the

day. They show us how to appreciate by stopping often to enjoy the grass or water. Learn from them and take your time.

Summer – what could be more beautiful or rich in our lives?

Canadians are special because we have the four seasons and we experience the differences.

Enjoy the day and time of the year. It's worth it.



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Mosaic scores big with annual film fest

by Joseph Monachino

I had the pleasure of covering the Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival (MISAFF) this past weekend. They were celebrating the seventh year of its staging, and proved to be an exciting and thought-provoking series of screenings.

The festival opened with a Gala Presentation of the film “Bangla” by Rome based director, Phaim Bhaga, who was in attendance at the premiere.

Bhaga pointed out that the film was “based on my own life.” He made a statement that the film pointed out the “culture clash” that existed in his life. In other words, his parents objected that he has a girlfriend who was of Italian descent and not of his own Bangladesh ancestry.

It made screening this film appropriate in this part of Canada.

That is because the multicultural composition of the Greater Toronto Area made the theme of the film relatable to many viewers that were

present in the audience.

There were speeches by the organizers of the festival as well as local politicians.

Mayor Bonnie Crombie pointed out that this is the only film festival in Mississauga. By what I witnessed, it has the potential to grow into a significant one in the Greater Toronto Area in the next few years.

I think in three years, when they celebrate the tenth year of MISAFF, many more people will attend because many more people will be aware of its existence.

The central location of the festival was the Cineplex Cinemas on Rathburn Road. The Opening Night Gala Party was held at The Rec Room in the Food District of Square One.

It was a lively event where festival attendees mingled, networked and danced to the fabulous performers that entertained on stage at this event.

There were 18 films that were screened over the four-day event. I did attend the

Opening Gala Presentation of “Bangla” and the closing night presentation called “Kaanyaab”. I also attended screenings of “The Him Without Her”, “Venus” and “Sindhustan”, which were all high-quality films.

“Baaji” took home the Jury Prize, along with a Best Supporting Actor award for Nayyar Ijaz.

“Venus” was a Canadian production filmed in Montreal. Director Eisha Marjara was present at the screening for a Q&A session, as were a handful of filmmakers of other presentations at MISAFF.

Marjara indicated that the movie will be made soon into a television series. The movie lends itself to be able to do so because there are many aspects to be explored about the make-up of the modern family, especially when a transgender parent is involved, as was the case with this film.

Film festivals, of any kind, are a great opportunity to see top quality films pro-

duced by up and coming, as well as, established filmmakers.

It is quite a challenge to get films to mainstream audiences, especially beyond the confines of a filmmakers home country.

I would encourage readers of this article, who missed the MISAFF festival this year, to mark your calendars for next year’s edition.

You will have the opportunity to be impressed by the efforts young and veteran

talents of the film industry present from, not only from Canada, but from the global entertainment community as a whole.

I have the dates circled on my calendar for next year. Do you?

Photo Courtesy of MISAFF



Tips for Animal Licensing in Brampton

Every year, City of Brampton Animal Services receives hundreds of calls about lost pets.

In the interest of reducing these calls and keeping pets safe, summer students and Animal Control Officers will be going door-to-door this summer to talk to Bramptonians about the one thing every pet owner needs to do in Brampton: license their pets!

Throughout August, the City’s street team will be knocking on residents’ doors to share information and answer questions about licensing their pets.

The team will not issue tickets, but they will allow anyone who forgot to buy their pet licence this year to purchase one on the spot.

These annual door-to-door visits take place in different areas of the city every summer.

This summer, the team will focus on the area bordered by Bovaird Drive, McVean Drive, Queen

Street and Torbram Road. There will also be pop-up displays at parks across Brampton.

All residential visits will take place during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The teams will carry City-issued identification and wear light blue shirts with the Brampton Animal Services crest.

Residents with questions about this campaign can connect with Brampton Animal Services at (905) 458-5800 or emailing animal.services@brampton.ca.

Under Brampton’s Animal Control by-law, all cats and dogs in Brampton are required to be licensed each year. Here are some of the reasons why licensing is so important:

- If a cat or dog gets lost, their licence is immediately visible and shows that they are not homeless.

- A licence is the fastest way for someone to con-

tact a pet’s owner. This is especially important if the pet is hit by a car or otherwise injured.

- If a licensed pet comes into the shelter, Animal Services can get it home to its owner quickly. The pet will spend less time in the shelter, which minimizes stress for both the pet and its owner.

- Buying a pet licence can save you money when you shop! When a resident licenses their dog or cat with the City, they are automatically enrolled in the BluePaw program, a rewards program that offers special deals from participating local businesses.

- Licensing helps other animals too. The money collected from licences helps Animal Services care for the animals that come through the shelter doors every day.

For more information on Brampton Animal Services, visit brampton.ca/animal-services.

Buzzfest returns with local talent, live music

The “buzz” is back.

The Terra Cotta Country Store will host a plethora of local artists at Buzzfest, which returns this Sept. 21 & 22.

The festival, which is celebrating its seventh year, will be held on the banks of the Credit River in Terra Cotta, and will come alive with displays and demonstrations by local artists, live music, creative local talent, vendors and much more!

Artisans are carefully selected to display and sell their work in the heart of Caledon on the banks of the Credit River during the peak fall season. The festival also benefits from shared patronage, a beautiful autumn setting and close proximity to the entire GTA.

Live music animates the festival along with complimentary entertainment, an antique car display and a tent dedicated to visiting Golden Retriever rescue dogs.

A number of local artists will display and sell their work on the banks of the Credit River, including local photographer Bob McCloskey, handcrafted wood artists Tara McCreadle & Laura Meakings (My Crafty Neighbour), Mennonite jam and relish maker Auntie’s Grove, claymaker Jolanta Jung, oil painter Anna Gajkowska and many more.

A suite of live performers will also take part in this

year’s event, including Guelph singer and songwriter Rob Marshall and Celtic trio Erin’s Marlore, among others.

Buzzfest will run from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sept. 22 & 23 at the Country Store, located at 119 King Street.

For more information, call (905) 877-2210 or email the [Terra Cotta Country Store at terracottacountrystore@gmail.com](mailto:terracottacountrystore@gmail.com).



Best in culture returns at Muslimfest

Get ready to celebrate the best in Muslim culture later this month, as the 16th annual MuslimFest returns to Celebration Square with a full weekend of comedy, engaging exhibits and delicious food!

This year's festival, which runs from Aug. 30 - Sep. 1, brings an assortment of exhibitors comedians and food vendors to Mississauga's downtown core, including events celebrating artistic expression and participation from over 80 local and international artists.

The annual event, which launched in 2004, attracts over 30,000 people for year, and has grown to encompass a wide range of activities and performances ranging from comedy to theatre, alongside a carnival, bazaar and much more.

The festival kicks off on Friday, Aug. 30 with a flag unfurling and Indigenous ceremony featuring youth singers at 6:30 p.m., as well as prayer sessions throughout the afternoon and

evening.

Saturday (Sep. 1) will bring a host of activities and performances from marquee acts including spoken-word award winner Ahmed 'Knowmadic' Ali, Sharjah Nasheed Competition finalist Toukan, a-capella up-and-comers Mustaqeem, American standup comedian Azhar Usman, nasheed artist Omar Esa and many more on the main stage throughout the day.

Other stages will open throughout the square, featuring meet-and-greet opportunities with performers, calligraphy workshops, kids' activities and much more!

From 9 - 11 p.m., Comedy Under The Stars will take over the main stage, featuring performances from Xulf Ali, Jeremy McLellan and Usman.

Sunday, Sep. 2 will see the festival round out with additional performances on the main stage, film screenings, art demonstrations and more.

The MuslimFest Art Exhibit will see a wide selection of work displayed by artists of all backgrounds, with multiple categories ranging from junior to professional creators.

The annual bazaar, hosted in the Square, will feature dozens of vendors selling traditional and modern textiles, oils, ornaments, souvenirs and much, much more.

Of course, it wouldn't be a festival with food, and this year's offerings are no exception, featuring selections from Paramount Fine Foods, Quik Chik, BBQ Bros Grill, Pasha's, Watan Kabob, a dedicated "Biryani and Snacks Corner" and much more.

The festival has become a destination event for Canadian Muslims throughout the country over the last 15 years, and shows the value of festivals that impart positive values to young residents, said festival director Tariq Syed in the run-up to last year's festival.

"We believe it is imperative to hold bridge-building events that positively engage young Canadians," Syed said.

"MuslimFest provides youth with opportunities to

share their culture with the broader community. We believe in education through the language of art, humour, and meaningful entertainment; something that we feel can break through even

the toughest cultural barriers."

Admission is free for the festival. For more information, visit muslimfest.com.



Hosting a "Staycation" in Mississauga This Summer

Vacationing in the city this summer? Hosting friends or family?

You don't have to travel far to enjoy a memorable staycation in Mississauga. There is a lot to see and do - all within a short drive, walk or transit ride.

Get Back to Nature: Trade the three-hour drive to a cottage for a tranquil respite at The Riverwood Conservancy or Rattray Marsh Conservation Area. See native species, stroll through attractive gardens or enjoy a self-guided walk accompanied by birdsong.

Get Cultured: Enjoy a first-hand view of Mississauga's vibrant arts and culture scene with a public art walking tour or a visit to one of our many museums or the Art Gallery of Mississauga.

Be Festive and Fun: Celebrate summer at one of many festivals taking place in August at Mississauga Celebration Square, from Italfest - Ferragosto in the City to Japan Festival

Canada, Muslimfest 2019 and more. All summer long, enjoy free outdoor fitness classes, movie nights, a weekly farmers market and more.

The Square is also a great place to people watch, cool off or just relax.

Turn a Page: Renowned for its vast collections, Mississauga Library offers a wide range of programs, events and services for all ages. Check out the program calendar for August activities and events. Visit Meadowvale Library's outdoor Reading Terrace overlooking Lake Aquitaine Park.

Stop, Dine, Shop and Re-

fresh: Mississauga is home to more than 1,200 restaurants so there's no need to travel far to enjoy an outstanding dining experience.

From biryani to burgers, there's a wide variety of cuisines to suit all tastes.

Walk off the calories and get some retail therapy at one of the City's many shopping centres or village-style specialty shops. Whether you are a style setter or value-conscious fashionista (or both!), you can always find something new and exciting close to home.

For more information, visit www.discovermississauga.ca.



Creditview Activity Hub celebrates milestone anniversary

Brampton's 100-acre Creditview Sandalwood Park boasts a hidden gem: the Creditview Activity Hub, which celebrates its first anniversary this year!

Opened to the public in Spring 2018, the Creditview Activity Hub is a first-of-its-kind in Ontario and fully Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) compliant.

It is fully accessible for individuals with physical, mental and emotional challenges and disabilities.

The water-cycle themed Creditview Activity Hub is colour-coordinated with educational signage, and features a bounce wall, four-square and hopscotch, swings, junior/senior climbers, slides, sand tables and a sway ship. The park is wheelchair accessible.

Creditview Sandalwood Park also boasts eight mini soccer fields, two cricket/soccer combo fields, one junior cricket field, two lit football/soccer combo fields, two lit lacrosse/soccer combo fields, four soccer fields and two artificial turf FIFA-approved soccer fields.

It also has a fieldhouse with public change rooms/washrooms, concession areas, shaded seating and a picnic area.

Creditview Sandalwood Park boasts no underground drainage sewers, a "nature pond" that irrigates its soccer fields and approximately 2,500 trees and shrubs planted throughout the park.

Creditview Sandalwood Park and the Creditview Activity Hub are located at Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway in Brampton.

Brampton food fest returns with expanded lineup

More than 40 food trucks will be serving up delicious eats to local residents, as the Canadian Food Truck Festival returns to Chinguacousy Park later this month.

The popular food truck festival, which debuted to acclaim and packed crowds last year, will be making its way back to Brampton for the Aug. 30 - Sep. 1 weekend.

The festival will bring some of the country's best eats to the heart of Brampton, showcasing an assortment of menus amidst the local park, now expanded to a three-day weekend celebration!

The Brampton edition of the event follows in the vein of four other Food Truck Festivals, which were held earlier this year in Burlington, Pickering, Toronto and

Richmond Hill.

The festival will feature live musical performances, a children's village, daily food truck eating challenges and much more!

Attendees are encouraged to walk around and discover the sights and sounds while enjoying a cold beverage, as each festival site is fully licensed.

Since launching in 2013, the festival's main beneficiary has been the SickKids Foundation. Nearly \$200,000 has been raised to date at the various festivals to support the hospital's lifesaving programs.

The funds raised through this event will be allocated to the Possibilities Fund, supporting the highest priority needs at SickKids.

Important advances have been made in child

health research thanks to the funding, including new life-saving medical equipment has been purchased for their clinics and operat-

ing rooms and their young patients continue to receive the best care that science, technology, and compassion have to offer.

Admission for the three-day festival is free, and runs from 5 - 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, 12 - 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31 and 12 - 8

p.m. on Sunday, Sep. 1.

To learn more, visit the event website at canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/brampton.



Looking for a “Gem” of a ride?

If you're willing to cycle slightly off the beaten path, you can explore many hidden gems throughout Mississauga.

Osprey Marsh Loop Trail: Stop one is the Osprey Marsh Loop Trail. If you enjoy water and viewing wildlife, take a ride around this marsh. You may even spot a blue heron.

The Osprey Marsh is easy to get to via the Lisgar Meadow Brook Trail or the Britannia multi-use trail.

Creditview Wetland: Another hidden gem where you can view nesting waterfowl is in the Creditview Wetland. This small area has some rare marsh plants and a little wooden viewing platform viewing area to take a break.

Access this wetland area from the south on the Eglinton Avenue Trail and from the north on the Bristol Road bike lanes.

Both entrances lead to Fallingbrooke Drive where you will see an entrance to the Creditview Wetland.

Turnbridge Road and Wallenberg Crescent: If you're out for a leisurely family ride through Mississauga's city core, check out some interesting art that looks like gently flowing turquoise waves at the corner of Turnbridge Road and

Wallenberg Crescent.

This will lead you to a ride through Zonta Meadows Park where the kids can stop at the playground.

Lakefront Promenade Park Trail: There are some really pretty waterfront trails in the south end of the city. Check out the waterfront along the Lakefront Promenade Park Trail.

Ride by Lake Ontario, enjoy the water, a cool breeze off the lake, or take a break for a picnic while enjoying some wildlife.

Etobicoke Creek Trail: For a quieter forested trail, set away from the hustle and bustle of the city, check out the Etobicoke Creek Trail that hooks up to Garnetwood Park.

For a short ride, enter the trail along Burnhamthorpe East Multi-Purpose Trail. For a lengthier ride along the Etobicoke Creek Trail, head north from Eglinton Avenue East to Britannia Road East and Dixie Road. Experience a nature ride in the heart of the airport industrial area. If you are quiet and lucky, you may see a muskrat, deer, crane or fox.

It's also the perfect location to watch the planes take off and land at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Riverwood Conservancy: Finally, if you love nature, don't miss a summer visit to Riverwood Conservancy, accessed from the Burnhamthorpe Multi-Purpose Trail. This trail is steeped with wildlife, history, natural beauty and many of its trails follow the Credit River.

For more details on the trails that lead to these hidden gems, visit mississaugabikes.ca/cycling-map.



Don't forget to log your kilometres to help the city meet its goal of riding 350,000 kilometres for the 2019 Mississauga Bike Challenge. It's free to register and it supports local hospitals.

Every five-kilometre ride unlocks one dollar to be donated to Trillium Health Partners Foundation. For more information, visit mississaugabikes.ca/bikechallenge.

Blues and jazz festival picks up multiple community grants

The Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival announced Tuesday that it has received grants for 2019 from the City of Mississauga, Celebrate Ontario, Ontario Creates (formerly the Ontario Music Fund), Port Credit Community Foundation, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, Heritage Canada, The Hazel McCallion Foundation and Socan.

The annual festival, which runs from Sep. 6 - 8 in Port Credit Memorial Park, has developed into one of the region's premier blues and jazz festivals, and brings out tens of thousands of residents each year to south Mississauga.

"These funds will help to provide a broader range of programming to help us celebrate our 21st anniversary," said festival director Kristine Kane, who told Peel

Weekly News that volunteers contribute more than 8,000 collective hours each year to run the festival.

The festival relies on grants and sponsorships to offset an average budget of \$500,000, said Kane, with most costs going to artists, production and logistics.

The event offers various performance stages & venues including two free music stages and two ticketed stages in Memorial Park.

Other venues, such as the free Rabba Fine Foods Street Shuffle (Sep. 7, from 12 - 4 p.m.), the Beggars Blues Banquet and late night jams offer a wide variety of performing artists in the Blues & Jazz disciplines and of various talent levels.

For more information, visit www.southsideshuffle.ca.

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Understanding Climate Change

by Vidya Gopaul

Climate change and its effects on the planet have been the talk of the world, from scientists, politicians to special climate advocates.

Are we on the right track to find the real reason for the climate changes, or are we just passing the buck from one organization to another just to score some points and media savvy?

I am sure the advocates of climate change have expensive gas-guzzling cars, huge mansions, private jets and own or use items that cause directly or indirectly change in the climate. I think we should live by example rather than by lecturing others.

Maybe we should look why we have had such a drastic change in our climate on Earth in a different way.

My theory is two fold. First, look at our solar system and the theory of gravity. The current convention says we have eight planets in our solar system, and they all are revolving around the sun for many millennia.

The theory of gravity says that objects attract to each other, and hence with that proof in mind, all the planets must be attracting to the

stars, the sun and to each other as well.

The theory also indicates that with the power of gravity, objects move closer to each other as well, which was discovered when Sir Isaac Newton, the English mathematician.

He noticed that the apple always fell from the tree to the ground and not upwards. That was so because the apple was attracted to Earth, and hence the two objects got closer to each other.

It is also true that the bigger object always attracts the smaller object. If that is the case, my theory is that all the planets, including our planet Earth, must be attracted by the sun, which is much more heavier and bigger than earth. Therefore, the Earth is inching closer and closer however minute the advance is.

As we know, our solar system has been in existence for million of years, and just maybe during those million years, the Earth has moved enough closer to the sun to impact our climate.

Nowadays, we have more heat waves than before here in Canada and around the world, such as the U.S., Europe and Asia. There are a lot more tornadoes than be-

fore in USA and other countries. Extreme climate changes are occurring quite often.

There are more stronger hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean seas, Atlantic Ocean and in the far Eastern seas. (I have not talked about the black hole gravitational effect, either. That phenomenon has a lot to do with Earth's gravity and other planets as well. That may also cause climate change on Earth too.)

The second theory revolves around our population. It is predicted that by year 2050 we will have 9.8 billion people living on Earth!

Has anyone, including all the government agencies and the advocates of climate change, ever realized what kind and how much resources are need to sustain 9.8 billion people?

Our planet does not have the unlimited resources to feed them. One day, it will just collapse when it runs out of resources.

It is a given fact that the more people we have, the more we are going to create pollution, cut down the trees, destroy rain forests, burn more fossil fuels, build more vehicles, houses, refrigerators, body sprays and

air conditioning units, just to give some examples. Not to mention - overpopulation creates poverty.

It does not take a genius to figure out that it takes less resources to maintain a smaller family than to maintain a bigger family. The bigger the family, the more resources are needed to provide the well-being of its members, even if it means to deplete many other means and sources and even sometimes leads to poverty.

I compare world population as a family unit; the

bigger it is, the more resources are needed to maintain it.

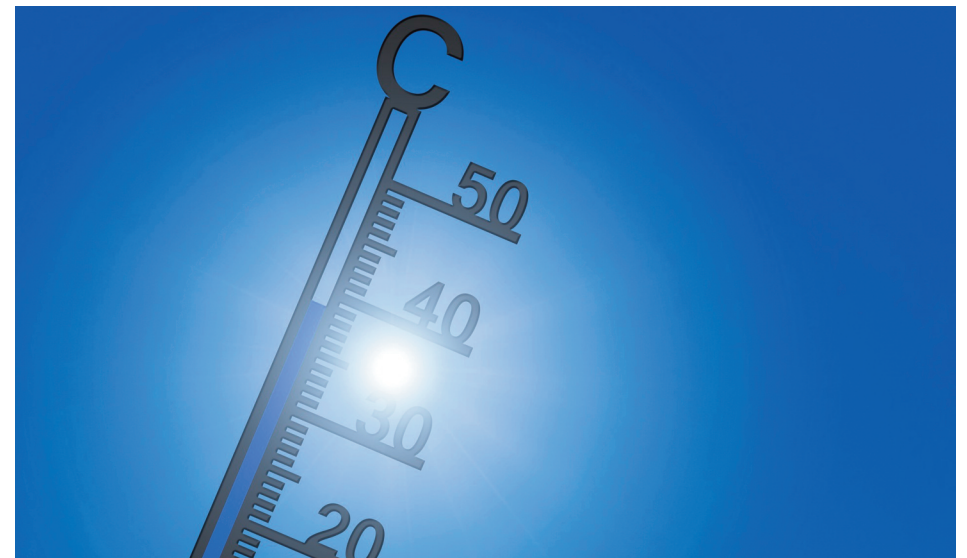
Hence, if you reduce the world's population, you reduce pollution and hence maintain a clean and healthy environment which leads to lesser climate change. It is as simple as that.

Therefore, the United Nations and other world agencies should be looking very seriously at decreasing the world population instead of distributing them from one country to another through

migration pacts and asylum seekers.

Climate change is very real. Why can we not put a target to reduce population by certain year as we have done to reduce CO2 by a certain year?

I believe both go hand in hand. You reduce the population, you reduce the CO2. We cannot control my first theory, but for sure we can control the second one hundred per cent for the betterment of the health of the world - our Mother Earth!



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